

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,  
AIRMEN DINING HALL  
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2797)  
Connecticut Road  
Plattsburgh  
Clinton County  
New York

HAER No. NY-326-W

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**Location:** Connecticut Road, Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.

UTM: 18.621920.4945900  
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

**Date of Construction:** 1956

**Architect/Engineer:** Unknown

**Present Owner:** United States Air Force

**Present Use:** Vacant

**Significance:** Building No. 2797 was designed to provide kitchen and dining facilities for the base airmen. Additionally, the building housed some squadron operations space. The dining hall portion provided refrigerated and dry storage space to store food and other materials prior to processing or use; food preparation and support space including kitchen utensil wash areas, lockers, toilets, office garbage and trash areas, janitor closet, and receiving platform; and dining space to serve and consume food, including seating areas, aisles, serving lines, and patron's toilet areas. The squadron operations portion provided operational space for squadron-level planning, briefing, administration, and critique of combat crews, as well as storage space for crew clothing and equipment.

**Project Information:** Building 2797 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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**Summary Description of Airmen Dining Hall (Building 2797)**

**Layout**

Building No. 2797 is a 5,376 square-foot, one-story, reinforced concrete block building that is built atop a reinforced concrete foundation. It has a flat roof and is rectangular in plan, measuring 48'-0" x 112'-0". Building No. 2797 has concrete block storm vestibules constructed on its south (two vestibules) and east (one vestibule) facades that were added in 1962. It is painted beige, and has picture windows flanked by casement windows with precast concrete sills. The interior of the building retains its kitchens and 50-man dining hall.

**Alterations/Additions**

Other than the 1962 addition, Building No. 2797 has had no major alterations or additions made to it.

**Function**

Building No. 2797 was originally built to provide dining facilities for base airmen, as well as some squadron-level operation space.

**Significance**

Building No. 2797 is similar in appearance and construction to Buildings 2796, 2840, 2841, 2892, and 2893. Each of these buildings served different support functions and have had multiple uses since construction. The nearly identical and readily adaptable design allowed new uses as the Plattsburgh AFB mission required, making them a necessary element of the Strategic Air Command's overall Cold War mission.

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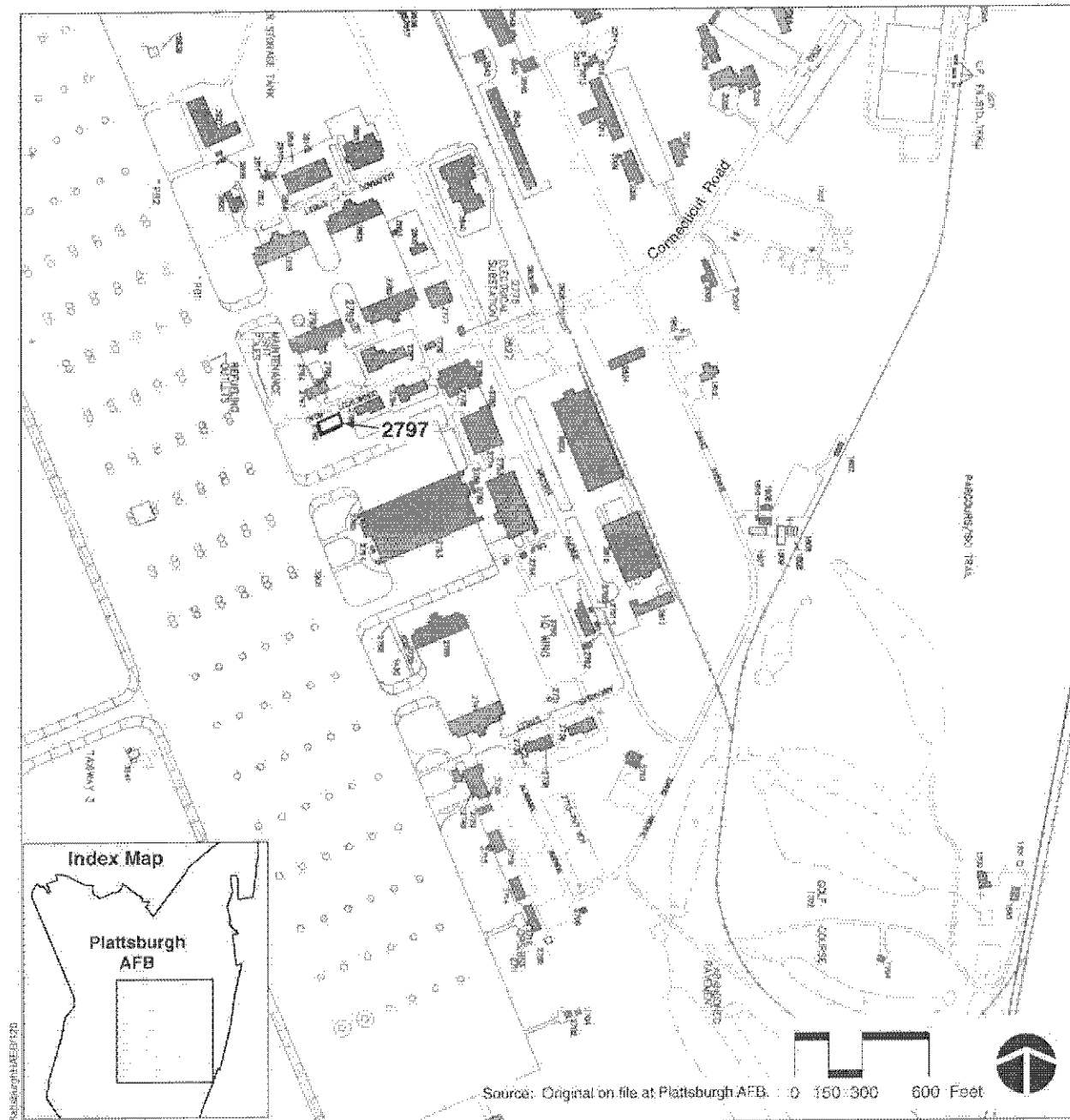
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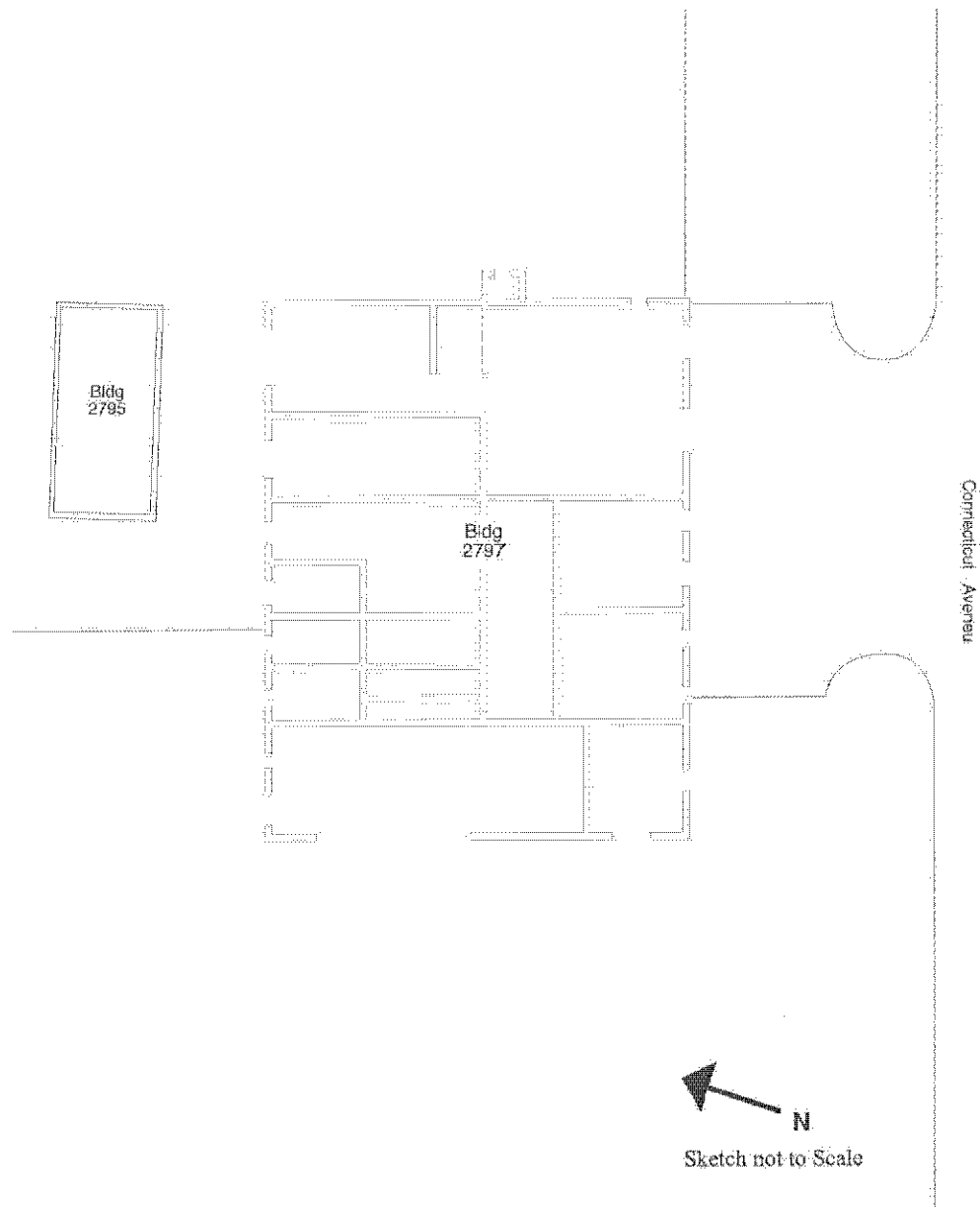
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